

CII

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Castro's attitude
toward occupying
30 minutes \approx

Duong Van Minh's
attitude toward
occupying US combat
units (?) and US advisors
at br. level -

would make ~~the~~
Cuba a Sov base,
damage its rev. image
in LA.

film:

40,000 Saw troops

If we could do it —
so we couldn't we do
it to defend the
Cuba rev.

20 Hirschins (!)

[Hyp: If no E. team,
and word of missiles
leaked out, would not
Congress have demanded an
airstrike — and blame

JFK for not doing it
(blockade).

ExCon (

He's initiated the
danger — He's the one
blaming God, not us.

From a post. sec. viewpoint,
JFK could not allow
war to remain — He
had to go

[without a trace!]

"To avoid unintended
horror, had to keep away
(some)

From. re JFK

Date: With national
missiles

JFK national offensive
weapons in Cuba — though he
said no off. weapons, only
defensive weapons.

Nitze: Pres ~~was~~ seemed
very concerned — perhaps more
than we were.

There was some danger
[?] that there would be
some use of nuclear weapons,
perhaps even in all-out war.

[i.e. "first mention"
(actually, 2d) of
Ex Comm - was likely to
be first mention of
Congress (see Intelligence)
unless prompted with
a first accomplishi.

after blockade:
Castro believed missiles
were going to provide
evidence for attack.

(He said that from
and not been the reason for
his reluctance to accept missile)

"K planned Sov forces
on full alert —
Warsaw Pact forces
prepared for war.

Benzer K: K behind
USS and losing control
of the situation — under
pressure to attack
[Machon Idung]

Lawson — to give up
ministry in Turkey at the
point of a gun (?)

was out of the
question. [LIE]

Good:

Mr. Michael

John apt
Dept Chief of
Missile Ops

We requested guidance
and this - but we

the decision was let
to shoot down a U-2.

Sergio del Valle

K was furious

It is true we later
received a telling-off
from Moscow. But we decided
what was done was done —
saying they hadn't given us any guidance

Seyoum: K was afraid
that these generals
would launch their
missiles against American
targets and start WWII.

6 5-4 too late was
in a class which had
authority to launch against
military forces - all other
power

If US had invaded

"McN

I didn't know if we
had invaded there was a
100% prob. of another
war."

JFK rejected me. to
attend that day

4-5 months out of Turkey

but couldn't do it
unilaterally.

24 hrs to reply
[48 to think?]

Informal 6 months
later.

Bill Smith

Andrews: We've been dead.

Kelly: It's the greatest
different is on history - we
should never be.